

ANKARA (AFP) – A court in the Turkish capital Ankara has blocked access to Havrita, an app which allows users to report the exact location of stray dogs and which critics say has led to “mass killings” of the animals. Havrita, made up of the words “woof” and “map” in Turkish, was launched in May and gave users the ability to pinpoint the location of stray dogs. However animal rights groups have noted an increase in the number of animals found dead since the app was launched. “We began to hear more about poisoning cases or mass killings,” lawyer Gulsaniye Ekmekeci of the Istanbul Bar’s Animal Rights Commission told AFP.

To refrain from unlawful and impious source of pleasures is an ornament to the poor and to be thankful for the riches granted is the adornment of wealth.

Amir al-Momeneen Ali (AS)

# Zionist Troops Kill Palestinian in Latest Raid

RAMALLAH (Dispatches) – Zionist troops have killed a young Palestinian man during a raid on the northern occupied West Bank governorate of Tubas.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the man as Younis Ghas-san Tayeh, and said he had been killed after being shot in the chest on Wednesday in the al-Faraa refugee camp, a few kilometers south of Tubas city.

His family told Al Jazeera that the youth was 20 years old.

Zionist troops had raided the refugee camp at 6:00am (03:00GMT) in the latest of what have become daily incursions by the army across the occupied West Bank.

Tayeh’s uncle, Mohammed Has-san Tayeh said that the shooting was unprovoked, and that his nephew had been “in an open area, exposed to the soldiers” when he was shot by a sniper.

“Younis was at home, he heard that they raided his uncle’s house, so he went down with a group of young people to see,” Mohammed told Al Jazeera, who explained that



Yunis Ghassan Tayeh, 21, was killed by a bullet to the heart fired as Zionist troops stormed al-Fara camp.

he was approximately 100 meters (328 feet) away when his nephew was shot.

“There were light confrontations, rocks being thrown,” Mohammed added. “A sniper in one of the homes targeted him with a bullet to the neck and one to the chest.”

“Everyone is a target, since the occupation kills unarmed human beings, who do not pose any kind of threat.”

An Israeli army statement said that Palestinians had thrown an improvised explosive device and fired at soldiers.

Tayeh’s killing was announced about an hour after the army entered, while at least two other men from Tubas were arrested and their homes raided.

Khaled Mansour, a local political activist and resident of al-Fa’ra refugee camp, told Al Jazeera there

were “no armed confrontations during the raid”.

“The army came with large forces and raided several homes in search of “wanted” persons,” he said.

A day-long strike in protest at the killing was called on Wednesday by local political parties.

At least 21 Palestinians were arrested by the occupying regime’s army overnight on Wednesday, including from Nablus, Ramallah, Al-Khalil and Al-Quds, according to prisoners groups.

The developments came a day after Zionist troops shot and killed a Palestinian man during a large military raid on the northern occupied West Bank city of Jenin.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health identified the man as 29-year-old Mohammad Sabaaneh.

Several Palestinians were also injured during the raid, one of them in critical condition. The injured Palestinians included a girl who was hit in her jaw, in addition to two young men with leg injuries and another with shrapnel in his head.

## Iraqi Court Rejects Petition to Dissolve Parliament



Supporters of Muqtada al-Sadr protest inside the parliament in Baghdad, 30 July.

BAGHDAD (Middle East Eye) – Iraq’s top court has rejected a petition from supporters of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to dissolve the parliament, just under a year after elections failed to see a government materialize, sources told Middle East Eye.

The Supreme Federal Court on Wednesday ruled against the petition, which also has support from the independent Awareness Movement and could have potentially led to new elections.

Elections in October were poorly attended and there has been no success in forming a government. The deadlock eventually prompted the MPs of Sadr’s Sairoon alliance - the biggest winner in the elections - to withdraw from the parliament in June.

The court ruled it did not have the authority to actually dissolve parliament itself, though it could potentially have officially declared that the constitutional timeframe for a new prime minister and president to be selected had long past.

“There is no solution except in accordance with Article 64,” ruled the court, referring to the constitutional rule for an absolute majority of parliamentarians to vote in favor of dissolution, or upon the request of one third of its members by the prime minister with the president’s consent.

The ruling comes in the wake of violence in the capital Baghdad last week after Sadrist stormed the fortified Green Zone and fought with security forces and supporters of rival groups.

The violence, which saw at least 28 people killed, was sparked on 29 August by an announcement by Sadr that he was planning to retire from politics.

As the fighting appeared set to spiral out of control, Sadr held a news conference in Najaf where he gave his followers one hour to end their protests.

Shortly after, his supporters apparently heeded his words and began leaving the Green Zone, where they had been occupying parliament for weeks.

On Monday, political parties and leaders met at a gathering - boycotted by Sadr - with an aim to work towards early elections.

Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi’s office said he, the president and the parliament speaker met with the parties in an attempt to break the political deadlock.

They “agreed to form a technical committee comprising the various political forces... to bridge differences with the aim of reaching early elections”, the office said in a statement.

## Lebanese FM: Zionist Regime Root Cause of Insecurity, Instability in Mideast

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Lebanon’s caretaker Minister of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, Abdallah Bou Habib, has described the Zionist regime as the root cause of insecurity and instability across the Middle East, stating that the occupying regime adamantly insists on its hostile policies in the region.

Bou Habib made the remarks at the 158th regular session of the Arab League Council at the foreign ministerial level in the Egyptian capital city of Cairo.

He stated that Lebanon suffers from the occupying regime’s incursions and acts of aggression

against its sovereignty almost on a daily basis. The regime presses ahead with its aggressive and tension-making hostile policies and violates the Lebanese airspace to strike targets inside Syria in the absence of a deterrent regional or international force.

“Israel still refuses to withdraw from occupied Lebanese territories of Kfarchouba and Ghajar under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 and 1701,” the Lebanese foreign minister said, regretting that the international community’s silence and inaction have emboldened the regime to further infringe

upon Lebanon’s sovereignty.

Bou Habib added, “Israel also continues its hostile policies against Palestinians in the occupied lands, with the intention to abort any initiative aimed at the final resolution of the Palestinian issue. This clearly shows that the Zionist regime is the root cause of insecurity and instability in the region.

The Lebanese foreign minister underscored the importance of unity among all Palestinian groups and factions, and noted that his country is committed to the 2002 so-called Arab Peace Initiative, which conditions nor-

malizing ties with the Zionist regime on the establishment of an independent, sovereign Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

He also stressed the need for the effective implementation of UN resolutions in this regard, especially Resolution 194, emphasizing that there will be no peace and stability in the region unless a comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue is arrived at.

Bou Habib also pointed out that Syria is a founding member of the Arab League, and that efforts must be made for the war-battered country to restore its seat in the regional organization.

## Turkish Attack on Power Station in Syria Leaves Town in Darkness

DAMASCUS (Xinhua) – A power transfer station serving a populated area in the Hasakah province in northeastern Syria went out of service on Wednesday following a Turkish attack, leaving almost 100,000 local people in a blackout.

The Turkish forces struck the Tal Tamr power station near the namesake township in the province, damaging a key power line supplying the station, state news agency SANA reported.

It’s the second Turkish strike within a week to render the station out of service, said SANA, adding that maintenance workers started repairing the new damage.

The station has gone out of service 20 times since 2019 due to the strikes by Turkish forces and pro-Turkey militants, the Kurdish ANHA news agency reported.

Meanwhile, the so-called Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said the Turkish forces also struck 10 villages in the countryside of Tal Tamr, forcing local people to flee again to safer places.

The recent escalation comes as the Turkish forces and allied Syrian militants renewed shelling on Kurdish-controlled areas in northeastern Syria following a brief period of cautious calm.

The latest development comes against the backdrop of Ankara’s stepped-up threats to launch a massive military operation against Kurdish militants in northern Syria to establish what it calls a “secure line” along Turkey’s border with the Arab country.

Turkey has deployed forces in Syria in violation of the Arab coun-

try’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Ankara-backed militants were deployed to northeastern Syria in October 2019 after Turkish military forces launched a long-threatened cross-border invasion in a declared attempt to push fighters with the Kurdish People’s Protection Units (YPG) militant group, which is the backbone of the SDF, away from border areas.

Ankara views the YPG as a terrorist organization tied to the homegrown Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), which has been seeking an autonomous Kurdish region in Turkey since 1984.

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and other senior officials have said Damascus will respond through all legitimate means available to Turkey’s ongoing ground offensive.

## Persian Gulf Nations Demand Netflix Remove Offensive Content

DUBAI (Al Jazeera) – Persian Gulf Arab countries have demanded that the streaming service Netflix remove “offensive content”, citing unspecified material that “violates Islamic and societal values and principals”.

A special committee of the Persian Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a regional organization that includes Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Oman, made the request in a statement.

“[Netflix] was contacted to remove this content, including content directed at children, and to ensure adherence to the laws,” the joint statement from the GCC committee and the Saudi General Commission for Audiovisual Media noted.

The move appears to be in response to Netflix airing content

that includes LGBTQ characters, as well as other material deemed “immoral”.

Saudi state television aired a report on Tuesday that included an interview with a woman identified as a “behavioral consultant” who described Netflix as being an “official sponsor of homosexuality”.

A separate segment on Saudi state television also suggested that Netflix could be banned in the kingdom over programming deemed to negatively influence children.

The California-based Netflix has yet to make a comment on the statement from the GCC committee.

The Persian Gulf statement comes after a number of Muslim-majority countries banned the public showing of Disney’s animated film Lightyear in June over

an offensive scene.

In the aftermath, the company’s Disney+ streaming service said its “content available should align with local regulatory requirements” in Persian Gulf Arab countries.

At least 14 countries had banned the movie over the scene.

In September, the Saudi government urged YouTube to delete “inappropriate ads” that went against the laws and regulations of the country.

The move also comes as regional streaming services try to eat into Netflix’s revenue, including the Shahid service, operated by the Saudi-owned MBC Group.

The Saudi government holds a controlling stake in MBC Group after a series of asset seizures during an anti-corruption investigation in 2018.